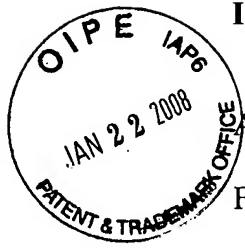


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AMENDMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed 10/26/2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.